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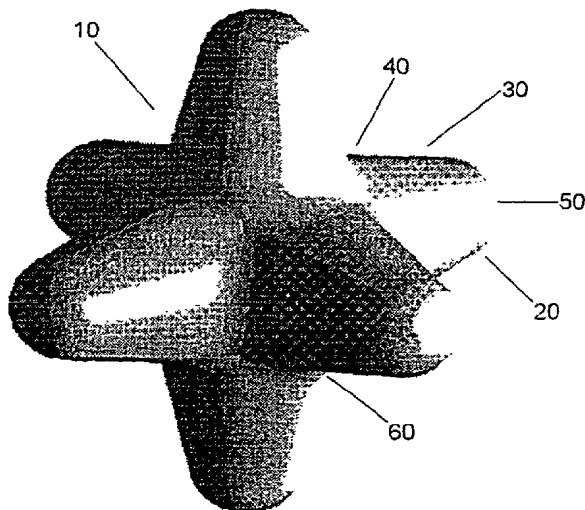
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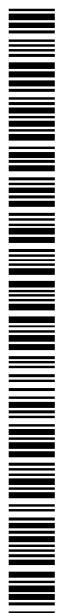
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(54) Title: SHAPED PARTICLE AND COMPOSITION FOR BONE DEFICIENCY AND METHOD OF MAKING THE PARTICLE



(57) Abstract: A shaped particle (10) for use in an array of interlocking particles to repair, replace, improve or augment a bone deficiency is provided. The particle in a preferred embodiment has six extremities (20), and the interstitial spaces (60) between the extremities (20) of one particle accept the extremities of an adjacent particle in an array. The particle is suspended in a material which facilitates application of the particle to bone, and the material may contain biological factors which augment bone growth or prevent infection. Furthermore, a method of making a shaped particle by producing a hardened calcium sulfate material is provided.



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1. Claims: 1-44 47-60

A shaped particle for use in treating a bone deficiency for using in an array of particles interlocked with one another.

2. Claim : 61

A method for manufacturing a shaped particle of calcium sulphate dihydrate comprising:
making shaped particle of calcium sulphate dihydrate;
heating said particle;
applying water to said particle.

3. Claim : 62

A method for manufacturing a shaped particle of calcium sulphate dihydrate comprising:
making shaped particle of calcium sulphate dihydrate;
heating in presence of pressure and moisture said particle of calcium sulphate dihydrate to convert said particle to alpha-calcium sulphate hemihydrate partially or in full;
applying water to said particle to convert said alpha-calcium sulphate hemihydrate to calcium sulphate dihydrate.

4. Claim : 63

A method for manufacturing a shaped particle of calcium sulphate dihydrate comprising:
making shaped particle of calcium sulphate dihydrate;
heating in presence of pressure and moisture said particle of calcium sulphate dihydrate to convert said particle to beta-calcium sulphate hemihydrate partially or in full;
applying water to said particle to convert said beta-calcium sulphate hemihydrate to calcium sulphate dihydrate.

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